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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT:

AUSTRIAN VIEWS

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO MEMBER OF AUSTRIAN GUEST DELEGATION FROM MFA/VIENNA, PRESENCE OF NEW RADICAL AFRICAN AND ASIAN MEMBERS TENDED TO HEIGHTEN POLARITY AT COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT, WITH MODERATES BECOMING MUCH MORE VISIBLE AS THEY SPOKE OUT AGAINST EXCESSIVE POSITIONS OF RADICALS. AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL WAS EVIDENTLY IMPRESSED BY NUMBER OF "AMERICAN FRIENDS" AMONG NON-ALIGNED STATES AND IDENTIFIED MODERATE AND RADICAL ACTIVISTS. WITH RESPECT TO PARTICIPANTS POSITIONS ON ISSUES OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO US, HOWEVER, HE DEFERRED TO AUSTRIAN UN AMBASSADOR JANKOWITSCH AS SOURCE MORE FAMILIAR WITH BOTH ISSUES AND ACTORS. END SUMMARY.

2. MFA/IO OFFICER KLESTIL HAS GIVEN US HIS IMPRESSIONS OF COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT.

KLESTIL SAID IT WAS HIS FIRST SUCH

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CONCLAVE SO HIS VIEWS INEVITABLY REFLECTED THOSE OF

AUSTRIAN UN AMBASSADOR JANKOWITSCH, WHO HAD ALSO ATTENDED FIVE OTHER NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS. IN ADDITION TO PLENARIES, KLESTIL SAID HE PERSONALLY ATTENDED FIRST DAY OF MEETING OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND MOST MEETINGS OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

3. KLESTIL BEGAN BY NOTING THAT "IT WAS CLEAR THERE WERE MANY GOOD FRIENDS OF UNITED STATES AMONG NON-ALIGNED." AUSTRIANS THOUGHT ATMOSPHERE AT COLOMBO WAS MORE POLARIZED THAN AT PREVIOUS GATHERINGS, WHICH THEY ATTRIBUTED MOSTLY TO PRESENCE OF NEW RADICAL MEMBERS FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. EXCESSES OF THESE AND OTHER HARD-LINING STATES SEEMED, HOWEVER, TO CAST MODERATE STATES IN BOLDER RELIEF AS THEY WERE INDUCED TO TAKE STRONG ISSUE WITH RADICAL POSITIONS. KLESTIL SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO SAY WHAT EFFECT THIS HAD ON POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS SINCE FINAL

VERSIONS WERE NOT AVAILABLE WHEN HE LEFT COLOMBO; RADICALS' EXCEPTIONS TO CONSISTENTLY MODERATE RESOLUTIONS ADVANCED BY SRI LANKA HAD ONLY BEEN NOTED BY POLITICAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SINGH. KLESTIL THOUGHT SINGH DID PARTICULARLY GOOD JOB AS POLITICAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, ESPECIALLY WHEN COMPARED WITH MESERABLE PERFORMANCE OF BANDARANAIKE IN PLENARIES; AUSTRIANS WERE ALSO IMPRESSED BY FACT SRI LANKANS HAD WELL-DRAFTED RESOLUTIONS READY ON EACH ISSUE.

4. MAGERL SAID MODERATE/RADICAL SPLIT WAS ALREADY EVIDENT IN FIRST MEETING OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE. HE SAID SRI LANKA,

BACKED BY YUGOSLAVIA AND SENEGAL, INSISTED THAT COMMITTEE MUST GUIDE ACTIVITY OF MINISTERS WITH CLEARLY DEFINED MANDATE, WHEREAS ALGERIA AND SYRIA MAINTAINED MANDATE WAS POLITICAL DECISION THAT ONLY MINISTERS THEMSELVES COULD TAKE. KLESTIL SAID ISSUE WAS NOT RESOLVED WHEN, EMBARRASSED BY VEHEMENCE OF DISPUTE, CHAIR RULED THAT ONLY FULLY PARTICIPATING NON-ALIGNED STATES

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COULD OBSERVE FURTHER MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE..

5. KLESTIL NUMBERED SRI LANKA, INDIA, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, YUGOSLAVIA, MOROCCO, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, LIBERIA, GHANA AND (EXCEPT ON SOUTH AFRICA ISSUE) ZAMBIA AND ZAIRE AS AMONG PROMINENT MODERATE PARTICIPANTS; MOST ACTIVE RADICALS WERE ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, BENIN, SOMALIA, YEMEN AND CAMBODIA.

ALSO ACTIVE ON RADICAL SIDE, BUT ONLY BEHIND SCENES, WAS CUBA, WHILE KLESTIL SAID WAS OBVIOUSLY USING ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE AS SURROGATES. ALGERIA, HOWEVER, WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH WEST SARARA ISSUE AND NOT PLAYING ITS USUAL ROLE AS RADICAL LEADER. SIMILARLY PREOCCUPIED WITH THEIR OWN PROBLEMS WERE INDONESIA, CAMBODIA AND LAOS. MOST SURPRISING TO AUSTRIANS, HOWEVER, WAS FACT THAT GHANA AND OFTEN MALAGASY LINED UP WITH MODERATES. MALAGASY'S CHIEF DELEGATE IMPRESSED KLESTIL AS ONE OF MOST ABLE PARTICIPANTS, AND KLESTIL CREDITED HIM WITH FORMULATION IN INDIAN OCEAN RESOLUTION THAT CALLED FOR REMOVAL OF "IMPERIALISTSC AND FOREIGN BASES" FROM AREA RATHER THAN JUST THOSE OF US AND WEST. KLESTIL ALSO NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR JANKOWITSCH HAD REMARKED ON NORTH KOREAN PERFORMANCE TO EFFECT THAT EVEN ALGERIANS WERE FED WITH NORTH KOREANS SINCE LATTER WERE ABSOLUTELY INFLEXIBLE AND CONTINUED TO COME FOWARD WITH MOTIONS THAT NON-ALIGNED HAD PREVIOUSLY REJECTED.

6. KLESTIL WAS UNABLE TO SAY WHERE VARIOUS COUNTRIES STOOD ON SPECIFIC ISSUES LISTED REFTEL BUT THOUGHT AMBASSADOR JANKOWITSCH AT NEW YORK MIGHT BE OF

HELP SINCE HE WAS FULLY FAMILIAR WITH BOTH ISSUES AND ACTORS. BUCHANAN

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